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Dear Sir:

Applicants submit herewith a list of patents and publications which Applicants believe the Examiner may consider to be material to the patentability of claims of this application and which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56.

These patents and publications were cited in the International Search Report, and have been sent to the USPTO as an Elected Office.

Patent FE is in the French language. A National Stage US Application of reference FE was filed on May 9, 1994, and accorded Serial No. 08/612,857.

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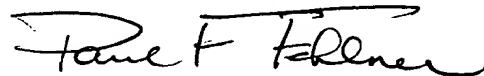
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